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In 2006 General Election

Coffee County voters make their selections

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County voters joined those across the state Tuesday, Nov. 7, in exercising their right to vote in the General Election.

A total of 13,320 ballots were cast unofficially in Coffee County during Election Day. Some chose to cast their votes with straight party voting. The Democratic Party had 1,855 ballots cast in this manner while the Republican Party had 2,264 ballots cast.

Until certified, all results from Tuesday's election are considered unofficial.

Several local races were decided Tuesday including the race for Sheriff of Coffee County. The unofficial results with 36 of 37 boxes counted (the 37th box is for provisionals in which the board of registrars has

until Tuesday, Nov. 14, at noon to certify) gave the nod to Republican Dave Sutton over Democrat Lance Tindol. The very narrow margin in this race had Sutton with 6,567 votes (50.42 percent) and Tindol with 6,445 (49.48 percent).

Another highly contested race in Coffee County was that for State Representative, District No. 91. It too was a close race, but the results showed voters favoring incumbent Terry Spicer (Democrat) over Ricky Snellgrove (Republican). Spicer received 6,764 votes (51.34 percent) and Snellgrove received 6,400 votes (48.57 percent).

In the race for Coffee County Circuit Clerk, incumbent Mickey Counts (Republican) defeated Democrat Eva

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New Brockton Town Council honors the late Jim Driskell

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council began the November monthly meeting Monday evening, Nov. 6, with a special presentation for the family of the late Jim Driskell, a former mayor of New Brockton.

Mayor Charles Cole presented two proclamations to Driskell's family recognizing his work and devotion. The first proclamation came from the Town of New Brockton and indicated this year's Christmas Parade will be named after Driskell and his family will be asked to be the grand marshals of the parade. The second proclamation came from Governor Bob Riley and commended Driskell's service to the Town of New Brockton as mayor, as well as, all the other things he did for the town during his life.

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County BOE elects chairman/vice chairman for FY2007

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday evening, Nov. 2, for the regular monthly meeting, and elected board officers for the new fiscal year.

In a very quick and unopposed election, Charles Walker once again was named chairman while Danny Jernigan received the nod for vice chairman of the board.

Only a few personnel matters needed attention from board members. These all involved support personnel and were unanimously approved by board members to include:

- Approve catastrophic leave for Virginia McLeod, nurse at Zion Chapel School;
- Employ Gail Pasco as a CNP worker at Zion Chapel School; and
- Employ Merri Jernigan as a RN/special education aide at Zion Chapel School.

Before voting on the personnel matters, board member Danny Jernigan noted that Merri Jernigan is not related to him.

Board members voted to approve out-of-state travel requested by Zion Chapel's FBLA sponsor, Paige Watson, to take McKinley Arnett, an FBLA state officer, to the state conference in Jacksonville, Fla. Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the state will pick up a portion of the cost for this trip.

During the meeting, board members were informed the Volleyball team from Kinston

Driskell's wife, Judy.

"I'm glad the town is recognizing my dad," said Richard Driskell, current council member representing District Four. He thanked the town for the special recognition.

Those in attendance of Monday's meeting were reminded the New Brockton Christmas pageants will be held Saturday, Nov. 11, at New Brockton High School with more than 20 contestants involved. Also, everyone was reminded the annual Christmas parade will be Saturday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m.

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Schools had just won the state 1A title in the sport. Each board members seemed delighted to hear of the team's accomplishment.

Dr. Ingram said the school system completed on Thursday the state's comprehensive review. She said the system responded correctly to 550 of 565 questions thus receiving only 15 citations which she said were mostly minor.

Dr. Ingram said she was pleased with the outcome of the review noting the 550 of 565 equates to a 97.35 percent passing rate.

Due to some new accountability guidelines approved dur-

State champion volleyball team honored by Town of Kinston

On Monday evening, Nov. 6, the Town of Kinston honored the Kinston High girls volleyball team for winning the Class 1A championship last week.

In activities at the Kinston City Hall, Mayor William Mullins, members of the Kinston City Council and a host of proud citizens gathered to honor the champs. Mayor Mullins commended the young ladies for their success and each player and coach was presented with a certificate which read: "In appreciation for your hard work and dedication to the Kinston High School volleyball championship for 2006." The certificates were signed by Mayor Mullins.

Head Coach Janie Wiggins said after the ceremony, "this team has been working since the beginning of summer for this. It is not something that happened in just the last couple of months. At times during hard, grueling practices, they probably thought I was the meanest person in the world. We still ran a mile a day on Monday and Tuesday before the championship playoff games. This does show you what happens when you put forth the effort these girls have put forth this year. I am proud of them."



Pictured from left to right in front of Kinston city officials are: Front - Katie Mottelet, Ashley Kelley, Heather Marlowe, Kallegh Sanders, Monica Wilford, Samatha Peacock, Asst Coach Bridgett Marlowe, Kourtney Pierce and Jesi Johnson. Back - Caitlin Tindell, Christie Whigham, Deanna Manning, Head Coach Janie Wiggins and Asst Coach Laura Prior. Also in the picture is Little Miss Kinston Victoria Weeks.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole (right) presents two proclamations Monday evening, Nov. 6, to Judy Driskell recognizing the work of her late husband, Jim Driskell. Also present for the presentation were Driskell's daughter, Vickie Adams, and son, Richard Driskell. Jim Driskell was a former mayor of New Brockton and remained very involved in the community until his recent death.



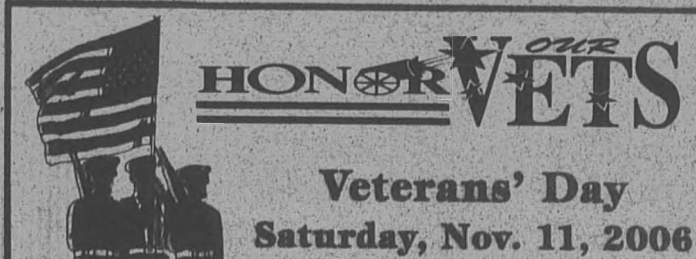
things are moving forward. Council members voted to advertise for bids for a new garbage collection contract. Mayor Cole said the current contract with Arrow will expire March 8, 2007, and the company has indicated it does not want to renew at the current contract rates. According to the motion approved by council members this advertisement for bids will be placed in The Elba Clipper and Southeast Sun newspapers.

Mayor Cole provided an update on the Tyler Street project and said due to a holdup with paperwork, the completion date for the project needs to be pushed back. He said the engineer (Polyengineering) and contractor (Carter Construction

advised for bids for a new garbage collection contract. Mayor Cole said the current contract with Arrow will expire March 8, 2007, and the company has indicated it does not want to renew at the current contract rates. According to the motion approved by council members this advertisement for bids will be placed in The Elba Clipper and Southeast Sun newspapers.

The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, Dec. 7.

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Elba Chamber of Commerce officials excited about 2006 Christmas Festival

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The arrival of November in Elba means the annual Christmas Festival can only be a few weeks away, and the Elba Chamber of Commerce is working hard to deliver yet another exciting and fun filled day on the square in downtown Elba.

The Christmas Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 25, on the square in downtown Elba, and the day's events will conclude with the annual Elba Christmas Parade that evening.

"We're very excited about plans for this year's Christmas Festival," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the chamber. "Many of the favorite sights and scenes of the Christmas Festival will be here again, but we've also made a few changes that we hope everyone will enjoy."

The changes mostly deal with the day's entertainment. Whitworth said this year's Christmas Festival will begin with a very special treat as children will be able to enjoy "Breakfast with Santa" from 8-9 a.m. This event will be held at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office. From 9-10 a.m. the chil-

dren will be allowed to have their picture made with Santa.

"We're very excited about 'Breakfast with Santa'," Whitworth said. "This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for children to see and spend time with Santa right here in Elba."

There will be a small fee to participate in "Breakfast with Santa".

Entertainment on the square begins at 10 a.m. with the 2006 Christmas Festival pageants. The pageants will include six divisions for children ages birth through sixth grade.

At 12 Noon, "Story Time with Mrs. Claus" will be held. Everyone is invited to enjoy this special event as Mrs. Claus will read Christmas stories to children. Then, at 12:30 p.m., a short Christmas play will be presented by several students from Elba Elementary School.

Vocal entertainment will be from 12:45-1 p.m. followed by a special event that Whitworth said she is really looking forward to this year.

A countywide children's choir

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Area Happenings

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Patrol officer Richard B. Moss joined the Elba Police Department just over a year ago. He also serves as the department's chaplain.

Officer Moss has a total of six years of police service. He has special/advanced training in drug interdiction, critical response and victim intervention. He also has K-9 officer training.

When asked why he chose law enforcement as a career, Officer Moss said it was, "an opportunity to serve the community - from pastoring to policing, same people - different days."

Officer Moss remembers his most memorable police experience as being a close call when he was shot at.

Beyoncé spending time with his family. Moss said his hobbies include his motorcycle and church activities.



Officer Richard Moss

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Fern Cox

Recently there was this news report about a group at a neighborhood social deciding to play a game called "The most stupid thing I ever did". In a strong effort to really be part of the game, one participant revealed that his most stupid thing was when he recently shot a man in the head and killed him! It turned out that it really happened, it was an unsolved murder and the investigation was going nowhere. Now a sudden streak of honesty has landed the winner of a party game in jail for murder. Maybe the most stupid thing this guy did was play that game!

Last week we commented about U. S. Senator John Kerry and his left field (dumb) comments for which he refused to apologize. If you recall, Kerry was speaking at a college in California and said something to the effect that a person can go to college, study hard and get ahead . . . or they can get stuck in Iraq. Well we saw him on the tube refusing to apologize but by the next day someone had gotten his attention because his story changed and "It was a joke in which I misquoted my notes". Who exactly got his attention is unknown and doesn't really matter. However there were some claims that high ranking Democrats in the Senate (maybe even a certain liberal Democrat party leader) explained the facts of life to this one time presidential candidate.

Each of us can probably remember times when the wrong words have come out of our mouth but we have also learned to suck it up and admit the mistake before the whole world weighs in on the issue. One day politicians will learn that it shows more class and maturity to take such a position than to just deny, deny, deny . . . and then apologize after nothing else works.

Hopefully the mudslinging political advertising is over for a while. It is little wonder that many well qualified people tell us they would never, ever allow their name to be placed on a ballot. The real miracle is that any reasonable person would subject himself or herself (and respective family members) to such abuse. Of course this is not a new tactic, it goes back to the days of our founding fathers. Yet somewhere along the way wiser heads realized the wrongs of such tactics and it got better for many years. Right now many Americans are running full speed to make up the lost time and outdo (or out stink) the mudslinging of the previous candidates.

We all say we don't like such mudslinging tactics, but "experts" contend it works. What may be the real story is the mudslinging's responsible for turning off otherwise reasonable, responsible voters who become disgusted with the whole system and chose to stay away from the polls, thus, lower and lower voter participation.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Oct. 30, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one for burglary, three for theft of property, five for domestic violence, one for a private property accident, one missing person, one for harassment, five for criminal mischief, one for domestic dispute, one for public intoxication, one for criminal trespassing, one for lost property, one for possession of marijuana, one collision with an unattended vehicle, one found property and one for harassing communication.

The following arrests were made: one for violation of a probation order, one for public intoxication, one for domestic violence, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and one for minor in possession of alcohol. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for not wearing a seat belt, four for speeding, one for no driver's license, one for a suspended driver's license and one for no insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:
MONDAY, OCT. 30 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 158 County Rd. 347 (5:12 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 808 Putnam St. (6:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 306 (2:14 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Forest Lake Dr. (5:34 p.m.); Minor accident reported on Clanton Ave. in front of the Rec. Center (8:23 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Payne St. (9:53 p.m.).
TUESDAY, OCT. 31 - Routine activity.
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to the probate office at the court-

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Looking back and fondly remembering the Turkey Bowl

by Vanessa Colver

Back in the day, we didn't play with big money contracts or for endorsements, we paid our dues with blood and sweat of the all day tournament. No cleats on our feet for the dirt of the Turkey Bowl. Some of the greatest memories of all time in our minds for that second in time, we lived all the glory of the game. It wasn't about how much we got for it, nor was it any big trophy, the reward was bragging rights until you met up the next year, same time, same place on the field on Carver Drive. We lived hard, so we played hard, back in the day it was the only way taught to us on the field of the Turkey Bowl.

No it wasn't the Super Bowl, nor was it the Rose Bowl, nor even the Cotton Bowl. No, we weren't called the Auburn Tigers nor the Alabama Crimson Tide, or the Elba Tigers nor even the Mulberry Hornets. We didn't have an official name for the Turkey Bowl. We were just a group of young men that got together every Thanksgiving Day to play football in the

Project on Carver Drive. A game that we called the Turkey Bowl.
The thing about the Turkey Bowl, we didn't have a stadium to play in, nor did we have any referees. No coach, no scoreboard, not even cheerleaders to cheer us on. We didn't even have lines on the field, except for the walkway that ran across mid-field which was about halfway. We had oak trees on one side and the side walk on the other side used for out-of-bounds. The endzones were the grass on the hill and the last oak tree down the hill. That's how the field was.

We didn't even have pads or uniforms with numbers on them. All we had was someone's football and enough people to play. We didn't play by quarters because we didn't have a scoreboard, as seen in games today because we didn't have time for that. All we wanted to do was let the game begin. So after about four hours of game time it was time to eat. The thing about it, you wouldn't go home for Thanksgiving dinner because someone would say my mom is

cooking this and someone else would say something different their mom was cooking, and the thing about it that will be some good eating. So, that's why some at someone else's house for Thanksgiving dinner, and the best thing about it was you were always welcome.
After a big Thanksgiving dinner, a little rest, and sometimes a change of clothing, it was time for the game to begin again. Before I go any further on let me tell you about the players. If you lived in one part of town you played the hill, and if you lived in another part it was the bottom.

As I think about all the good days of yesterday, those days have ended and so did the Turkey Bowl. The sweat has dried, the torn clothes have been replaced, the wounds we suffered have healed. Oh, how good and pleasant it was when Thanksgiving Day was here to get a chance to play the Turkey Bowl.
As I often think about those good old days of yesterday's Turkey Bowl, May Day at Mulberry, hayrides to Enterprise Teenage Center and hanging with friends, having a good time like on Sunday afternoon walking with your girl or boyfriend, I often wonder why young people can't be like we were back in those days of the Turkey Bowl. No car shootings, no little gangs, the only gang I can remember was Thanksgiving Day Turkey Bowl game in Mulberry Heights housing project, Carver Dr., Elba, Ala., and what a day it was for us to see all the people come out and watch us play the Turkey Bowl.

I often wonder sometimes what it would be like to see all the young men just get together once again for a Turkey Bowl reunion. It doesn't have to be a game, just to get together and see their faces, but I know many have got older, some have moved away, some still live here in Elba, and some have passed away. For the ones that have passed on, I'll always remember you (Paul Russell, Tommy Moore, Nate Barnes, Albert Tyson, Jimmy Thigpen, Jerome Pruitt, William Tyson, Michael Belcher, Willie Fred Smith and Jerome Phillips).

Some are still here today: Wintzell Gray, Ronnie Terry, Frankie McGowan, Doug Lee, Jimmy Hooks, Donnie Terry, Doug McNeal, Willie Hooks, Gary Smith, Oscar Coleman, Jerry Hooks, Samuel Smith, John Silars, Hubert Russell, Robert Hooks, Ronnie Smith, Marvin Silars, Johnny Hooks, Willie D. Smith, Joe Mack Russell, Mike Hooks, Henry

Laven Ham came by The Elba Clipper office recently and brought this bowl full of bananas to show off that he and his wife, Sue, grew in their yard in the Woodland Grove community. They do look scrumptious!

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The Coffee County Board of Education presented Mike Gursan (right) of WTVY News 4 with a certificate Thursday evening, Nov. 2, recognizing his nomination to the Education Media Honor Roll. The presentation was made during the board's monthly meeting, and board members thanked Gursan for his positive media coverage of the entire Coffee County School System. The certificate was presented by Charles Walker, board chairman.

News Brief

At approximately 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, a one-vehicle accident claimed the life of Dewayne Ezell McCrummen, age 39, of Kinross. The accident occurred three miles south of Samson on Hwy. 54 in Geneva County.

The Southern Gospel Believers & The Dyess Family will be in concert November 12, Sunday Night, at Country Cathedral.

The church is located on U.S. Hwy. 84 East of Opp. The concert will start at 6 p.m. No admission charge. For more info call: 493-4498

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It Happened This Week!

I was born on November 12, 1815 in Johnston, New York. With my close friend Susan B. Anthony, I helped organize the 1848 Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York. In 1869 we formed the National Women's Suffrage Association, and in 1878 I wrote the document that, in 1920, was enacted as the 19th amendment. Who am I? Need to find the answer, or get more information? Go to: <http://www.nps.gov/whr/ecs.htm>.

FastFact

The night that inspired the Alabama license plate which was introduced in 2002, occurred on November 12-13, 1833. A spectacular meteor shower blanketed the southeast, and that night became known as the night Stars fell on Alabama. A century later, it inspired a book and a song. Hear the song at: <http://www.kissamuley.com/amlie/StarsAlabama.shtml>.

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Obituaries

JAMES FLOYD MORROW

Mr. James Floyd Morrow, age 77, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2, 2006 at First Baptist Church of Elba with Rev. Roger Miller officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Marjorie Morrow, Elba; three sons: Jim Morrow, Elba, Steve Morrow, Clanton, Ala., Kent (wife Karen) Morrow, Locust Grove, Ga.; two granddaughters: Stephanie Morrow, Clanton, Ga., and Russell, Fred Adams, Andrew Robinson, Abraham Robinson, Charlie Smith, James Bandy, Charles Bandy, Charles Phillips, Marion Smith, Jerry Brannon, Robert B. Belcher, Jimmy McMillian, Jerry McMillian, and Kenneth Hardwick.

L. Morrow, Daphne, Ala.

COMER RAY HENDERSON
Mr. Comer Ray Henderson, age 77, of Headland, Ala., formerly of Elba, died Thursday, Nov. 2, 2006 at his home in Headland.

Funeral services were held Nov. 5, 2006 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Ethel Henderson, Headland; two sons: Gregory Keith Henderson (wife Latisha), Auburn, Ala., Jerry Jerome Henderson (wife Kim), Birmingham, Ala.; one daughter: Deborah Smith (husband Marshall), Dothan, Ala.; six grandchildren: Chris Smith, Cory Smith and Carrie Smith, all of Dothan, Duncan Henderson and Brendan Henderson, both of Auburn, and Daniel Bowden, Birmingham.

one brother: William Gerald Henderson, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; and one sister: Lou Ellen Finner, Elba.

WINIFRED DISMUKE

Mrs. Winifred Dismuke, age 90, formerly of New Brockton, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006 at the Glen Cove Nursing Facility in Panama City, Fla.

Funeral services and burial will be held Nov. 9, 2006 at the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Mack King officiating and Hayes Funeral Home directing. Memorial contributions may be made to the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o 3988 County Road 105, Brundidge, Ala. 36010 or Covenant Hospice, 107 West 19th Street, Panama City, Fla. 32405.

Mrs. Dismuke was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Mack Dismuke; her parents, Ebb and Ola Dyess; and two sisters, Nellie B. Maddox and

Pearl Spurlin. Survivors include two daughters: Miriam Dismuke, Port Saint Joe, Fla., Melba Hudson (Jim), Mexico Beach, Fla.; five grandchildren: Brandon Oakes (Angi), Enterprise, Ala., Wendi Krum (Kevin), Overstreet, Fla., Lyni Hudson, Orlando, Fla., Laurie Mikota (Joel), Plantation, Fla., and Jamey Hudson, Tallahassee, Fla.; three great-grandchildren: Tanner Oakes, Emilee Dunn and Mary-Michael Dunn; and one great-grandchild: Jackson Krum.

Pre-need funeral planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home for details Call 897-2225

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The Fires of Hell

As the clock struck the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns fell silent. The killing stopped, but more than 8,000,000 people were dead. It was November 11, 1918 and World War I was over.

Six hours earlier General Ferdinand Foch, the Allied commander, had watched as a small German delegation affixed their signatures to an armistice. The Germans, some with tears in their eyes, believed the Allies had imposed unyielding harsh terms. They had no option but to sign, as Germany's resources and people were exhausted.
The effect of the armistice was immediate. As Phillip Gibbs wrote in the New York Times:
Last night, for the first time since August in the first year of the war, there was no light of gunfire in the sky no sudden stabs of flame through darkness, no spreading glow above black trees where for four years of nights human beings were smashed to death. The Fires of Hell had been put out.
The four years of slaughter transformed humanity's understanding of war. New technologies that included poison gas and flying machines had given nations the ability to

rain death on opposing soldiers and civilians from afar. These new and awesome killing powers had opened a box that leaders of all

A Pittance of Time
Singer-songwriter Terry Kelly is the recipient of numerous musical awards, as well as two honorary degrees for his work with the less fortunate in society. Blind since the age of two, he was the third blind person in the world to run the mile in less than five minutes, and also participated in the 1980 Paralympics. This song honors all who fought to maintain our freedoms, asking that we never forget their sacrifices.

In Flanders Fields Museum
Flanders, located in Belgium, is the site of some of the fiercest battles of World War I. In total, the armies who fought there suffered 550,000 casualties. This online resource created by the museum helps visitors appreciate conditions experienced by those who served during the First World War.

Art of the First World War
UNESCO's patronage allowed many of Europe's major museums to collaborate in creating this online exhibit of 110 paintings by 54 artists. Representing all of the countries that fought in the war, the artists' works display a range of views and emotions. Web Address: <http://www.art-war1.com/gh/index2.html>.

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LIFESTYLES

5th Annual Newbia School Reunion to be held November 11

The 5th Annual Newbia School Reunion will be Saturday, Nov. 11, at Mount Vernon Assembly of God Church, located on County Road 330.

The reunion will begin at 10 a.m., and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish for lunch.



Miss Myers & Mr. Bowers

Myers-Bowers wedding planned for Saturday, November 25 at the First Baptist Church of Elba

TEACHERS OF GULF SHORES Elementary School presented Luke Murdock as their Terrific Kid for the month of September.

The program, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club that recognizes students for showing outstanding character traits such as responsibility, punctuality, citizenship, friendliness and more.

Parents are Craig and Kristen Murdock of Gulf Shores. Proud grandparents of Elba are Mickey and Liz Murdock.



L to R: Mrs. Anita Grimes, Mrs. Luverne Brooks, Mrs. Fay Weeks, Mrs. Gilda Belcher, Mrs. Emily Brooks-honoree, Mrs. Judy Melo, Mrs. Jean Scarbrough and Mrs. Cindy Brooks

Emily Brookins honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Emily Brookins, bride of Adam Brookins was honored with a Miscellaneous Bridal Shower on Sunday afternoon, November 5, 2006, at the Ole South Inn. Candelabras and wedding bells adorned the front entrance. Many friends and relatives gathered between one and three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Christy McDaniels, sister of the groom, attended the registry. The registry table held an etched crystal bud vase of white

roses. Guests were presented to the honoree, Mrs. Emily Brookins. Also joining Mrs. Brookins in the receiving line were her mother, Mrs. Gilda Belcher, Mrs. Judy Melo, mother of the groom, Mrs. Jean Scarbrough and Mrs. Luverne Brooks, grandmothers of the groom; Mrs. Cindy Brooks, stepmother of the groom; and Mrs. Fay Weeks, grandmother of the bride.

The serving table was covered with a white embroidered tablecloth. The focal point of the table was a steady crystal candelabra. The table was accented with crystal appointments, white daisies and greenery. The guests were served with a variety of party dainties and fruit. The punch table was adorned with a large silver punch bowl, accented with white daisies and a glowing candelabra. After enjoying refreshments, the guests mingled and viewed the many gifts that were displayed throughout the Inn.

Serving as hostesses were Janice Allen, Charlotte Anderson, Betty Ayerette, Sue Boggan, Vickie Bandstra, Pat Clark, Myrna Cotton, Nancy Crowe, Kathy Giles, Lucia Grantham, Anita Grimes, Ella Kahan, Cheryl Hancock, Vivian Hargrove, Joe Hodge, Connie Macon, Janice McCall, Liz Murdock, Suzanne Nagy, Sylvia Padgett, Janice Phillips, Susan Rhoades, Lin Rowe, Kathy Smith, Barbara Turner, Candace Vaughn, Diane Vignola, Kathy Weeks and Jan Wicker.

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Miss Strong & Mr. Powell united in holy matrimony Saturday, August 26 in Elba

Miss Elizabeth Strong and Mr. Taylor Clark Powell were united in marriage on August 26, 2006, at six o'clock in the evening at First Baptist Church in Elba, Alabama. Rev. William Martin Gray, Jr., officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth DuPont Strong of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Irma Armstrong Warr and the late Dr. Edgar Milton Warr of Elba, Dr. William DuPont Strong and the late Mrs. Julie Strong of Enterprise and the late Mrs. Dorothy Lummus Strong.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ashley Powell of Birmingham. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leo Powell of Bonne Terre, Missouri, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kendrick Peeler of Birmingham.

Scores filled with white roses and hanging Amaranthus tied with sheer ribbon marked the front doors of the church. In the church, the bride and groom stood at the altar with an arrangement of pink and white larkspur, roses, hydrangea, lilies, and smilax.

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Attending the bride as matrons of honor were her sisters, Emily Warr Strong of Orlando, Florida, and Elena Strong Leonard of Atlanta, Georgia. Bridesmaids were Burgen Scott Powell of Birmingham, Alabama, and Mary Ashley Powell of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, sisters of the groom. Their A-line skirts of celadon green satin faced taffeta were accented by a matching sheer chiffon strapless. They carried hand-tied nosegays of pink roses. Honorary bridesmaids were Margaret Leigh Elgin, Boston, Massachusetts; Jennifer Lynn Fuller, Atlanta, Georgia; Brianne McCall, Howell, Dothan, Alabama; Jennifer Doering Kelly, Augusta, Georgia; Anna Scarborough, Florida; Mary Elizabeth Sloan, Oxford, Mississippi; Miley Tindall, Wise, Tupelo, Mississippi; Leigh Allison Jones, Mandy Morris, and Dane Lenor Vice, all of Birmingham, Alabama. They were individually chosen pink dresses and carried silver tissue nosegays filled with pink roses.

Attending the groom as best man was his father, Scott Ashley Powell, of Birmingham, Alabama. Groomsman were Thomas Brian Hoven, Montgomery, Alabama; Allen Taylor Graham, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Benjamin Thomas Morehead, Los Angeles, California; Jeffrey Phillips Leonard and Andrew Hoffman Underwood, both of Atlanta, Georgia; William Adam Cone, Christopher Thomas Frank, Lawrence Watkins Greer, Jr., John William Lawrence, Robert Dunseath Moore III, Dennis Ward Rowlen, Charles Mitchell Smith, and Wallace Daniel Weathers, all of Birmingham, Alabama.

Registry and program attendants were Mrs. Brandie Driggers of Auburn, Alabama, and Mrs. Heather Smith of Iron City, Georgia. The wedding director was Mrs. Mary Gray of Elba, and the wedding coordinator was Mrs. Laurie Chapman of Elba.

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CHURCH NEWS



The Isaacs

Country Cathedral to have Gospel Concerts November 10 & 12

The Isaacs will be in concert at the Country Cathedral, along with the Dyess Family, on Friday, November 10, 2006 at 7 p.m. Also, on Sunday, November 12, the Southern Gospel Believers and the Dyess Family will be in concert beginning at 6 p.m.

The church is located on U.S. Hwy. 84 East of Opp. There will be no admission charge to either event. For more information contact 334-493-4498.

Gospel singing will be held at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church

There will be a gospel singing at the Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Elba on Saturday, November 11, 2006 at 7 p.m. Featured will be the New Gospel Singers, Zion Juniors Jordanaires, and the Loving

Sisters. All choirs, groups, and solo's are welcome. Food and drinks will be sold in the fellowship hall and all proceeds will benefit the Elba Zion Christian Community Center.

The church is located at 117 Pledger Street, Enterprise, Ala. For more information call 334-347-7169.

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MORNING STAR BAPTIST ADULT and Youth Choir Anniversary will be held November 18, 2006 at 6 p.m. The theme is "Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing" Psalm 100:2. All singers and choirs are welcome to join. The church is located at 117 Pledger Street, Enterprise, Ala. For more information call 334-347-7169.

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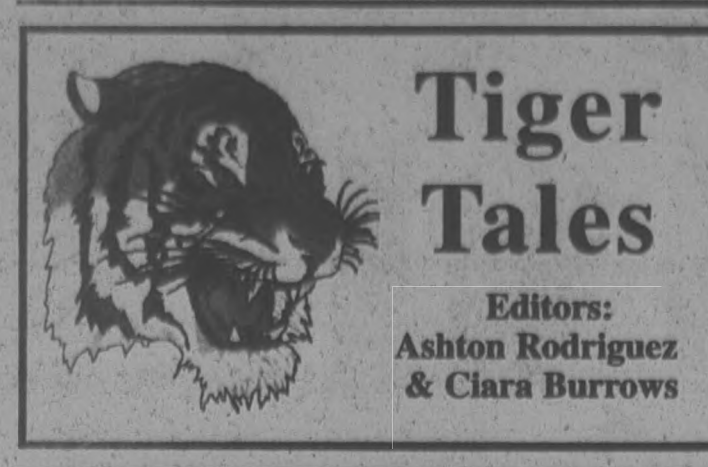
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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows



Elba Elementary School holds annual book fair

by Ashton Rodriguez

The week of October 23rd through the 26th, Elba Elementary held its annual "Book Fair."

This was a great opportunity for parents to come to the school and get involved in their children's daily lives. The

night of Oct. 23, parents were invited to come for a Family Night to purchase books with their children. The books were distributed by Crane Book Sales. All funds earned during the week went back to the library to help further enhance the library.

The school also used the funds to upgrade the Accelerated Reader program. EES appreciates all parents and encourages them to continue to get involved in their child's education.

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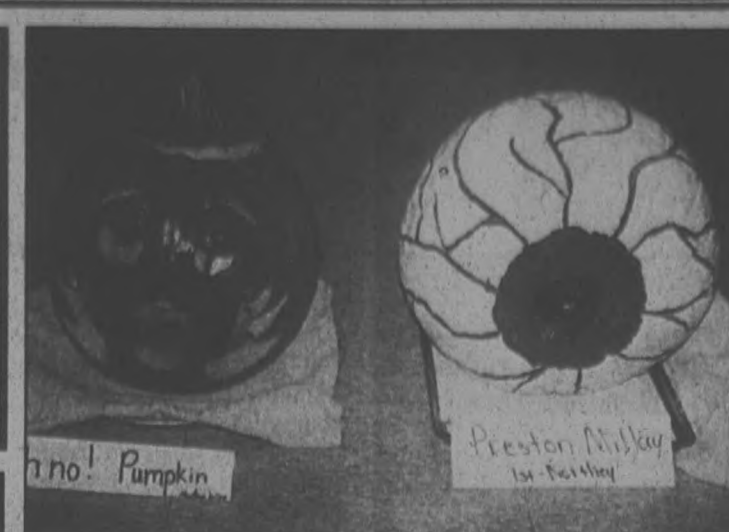
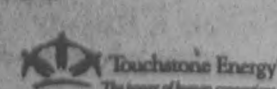
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FAMILY PUMPKIN CONTEST (by Michael Hall) ... On Monday Oct. 23, Elba Elementary School held a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. All those who participated were awarded special treats. The winners in grades K-3 were: Clark Logan, first place; Preston Millay, second place; and Hudson Wise, third place. In grades 4-6 the winners were: John Gray, first place; Morgan Matthews, second place; and Brimley Williams, third place.

FCCLA cooking contest held for students

by Brittany Phillips

The cooking contest was open to active FCCLA members who participated in the school-wide division.

There were three main levels of the contest: The Peanut, Beef, and Pork divisions. The cooking participants were not only judged on taste, but, also by texture, appearance and the effective use of each main ingredient.

Members from the school represented the FCCLA organization very well.

Tempest Parker won first place in the peanut division. Stephanie Sanders won first place in the beef division, and Sharquaris Edwards won first place in the pork division. These students will advance to the countywide contest, and they will be competing against FCCLA chapters from New Brockton, Zion Chapel and Enterprise.

E.E.S. Christmas pictures will be Thursday, Nov. 16!

Students benefit from EHS being an ACT test center

by Clara Burrows

Elba High School, which was certified as an official ACT test center three years ago, usually sponsors this test six times each year with around 50 students participating each time.

These students come from Elba, Zion Chapel, New Brockton, and even as far as Andalusia to test in Elba.

Since Elba High School has become an official test center the students do not have to worry about driving long distances, where the school is located, or how friendly the people are. Since the students do not have to worry about these things they can focus on the test and do well.

"I am glad that Elba is a test center because I do not have to wake up early," said Melanie Mularz. "I know all the people and know where to go."

Elba is fortunate to have the advantage of this local center to benefit students.



First place winners in the FCCLA cooking contest

CCYLP enjoys agriculture adventure

by Yoquesha Terry

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, the members of the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program (CCYLP) took an agriculture-related trip to several places around Coffee County.

The CCYLP first stopped at the chip mill in Elba. Michael, one of the chip mill managers, assisted the group.

The group found out the duties of a worker at the chip mill and were shown the types of wood chips the mill produces. The CCYLP students also discovered how much they all weighed together. The group weighed around 6,840 pounds.

Michael also addressed how being a hard worker and being versatile are good ways to show leadership skills.

The second place CCYLP went to was Kelley Foods. Kenneth assisted the group, and he has worked at Kelley's for about 11 years.

In Kelley's, the students saw how hotdogs, sausages and different meats were processed. They also saw that teamwork is required to get specific jobs done.

The CCYLP students also went into the freezer and saw different products that had been processed.

The group then left Kelley's and went across the road to their shipping and packing building. Mike assisted the group.

The students learned that Kelley's ships more than just meat to different stores and cities. Kelley's ships vegetables, fruits, raw materials, etc.

Mike also took the group into

Junior high basketball begins 2006 season

by Lauren McClung

The basketball season is underway for the junior high boys teams.

The 7th grade boys' and 8th grade boys' team started off their seasons with games versus Samson and Fleeta.

The teams are off to a good start with the 8th grade defeating Fleeta 35 to 24, and stomping on Samson with a 19-11 lead.

The 7th grade trampled on Samson with a twelve point lead, the final score being 37-15.

The players for the 8th grade boys team include: Kendrick Robertson, Sean Warren, Chance Goosby, Michael Martin, Braun Robinson, Devonta Tillis, Xavier Rodgers, Sandarius Reed, and Isaac Nelson.

The 7th grade boys team consists of: Jake Canley, Tyler Anderson, Sage Kelley, Waylon Craighead, Thomas Cole, Jeffery Wright, Donta Rogers and Nick McLaughlin.

This week's Student Spotlight is Aaron Harrelson

Aaron is the 17-year-old son of Delonda Harrelson and a junior at Elba High School. He is a member of First Assembly of God Church of Elba.

Aaron's hobbies include, playing basketball, getting crunk at Elba High games, making CDs and listening to music. His activities include, VICA, FFA, EHS Ambassadors and Church Drama Team.

When Aaron graduates from high school, he plans on attending Auburn University. "War Eagle!"

When asked to describe himself it took one word, "FOOT!" This sprouted from his size 17 foot. This is just another interesting fact about Aaron.

Saved By The Bell



EES third graders enjoy owl presentation

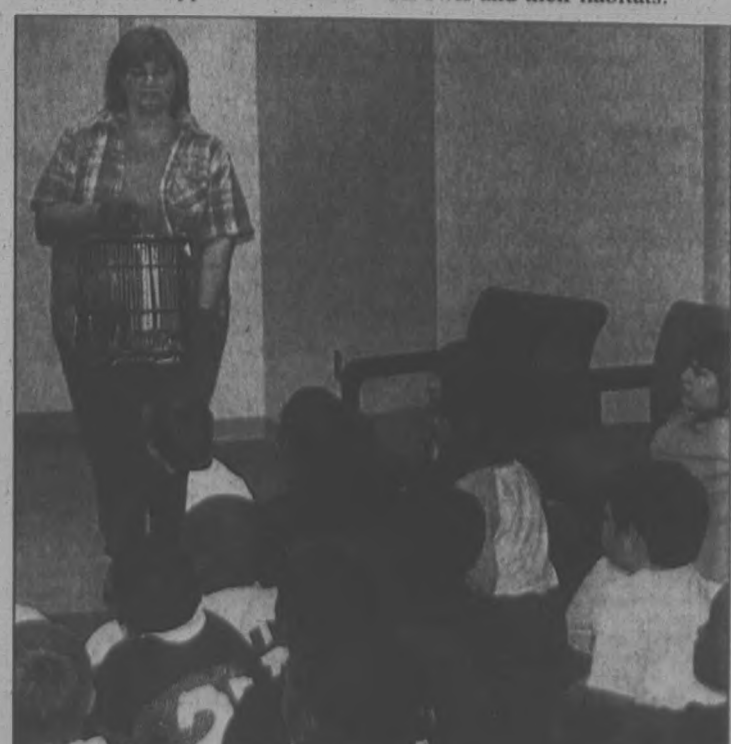
by Erica Daniels

On Friday, Oct. 13, the third graders at Elba Elementary School were presented with a special treat!

Louise Grider from Sweetgum Wildlife Services came to the school and shared four different types of Alabama

owls: the great horned owl, the eastern screech owl, the barred owl and the barn owl. She shared with the students many interesting facts about owls.

Mrs. Grider also let the students pet the owls! This was a wonderful and exciting way to conclude the third graders' unit on owls and their habitats.



SCHOOLS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News

Sponsor: Lori Cotney

Nashville Star winner entertains New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks played their final football game Friday, Nov. 3, and were then entertained by Nashville Star winner, Chris Young.

Ronnie Gilley, an alumnus and strong supporter of New Brockton High School, arranged the post-game concert and autograph session with the singer.

The tour bus and crew arrived early Friday morning to begin setting up the stage in one end-zone of the football field. Chris Young made an appearance at the pep rally and presented a special award to senior football player Adam Crosby.

At 6:30 Friday night, all senior football players, cheerleaders, volleyball players and their parents were recognized during a special ceremony. The crowd, which included Chris Young fans from all over the country, enjoyed the game and band show, and then endured the 30 degree weather to see Chris Young perform.

After the concert a long line formed from the gym out into the parking lot to get autographs and pictures with the singer.

NBHS offers a special thanks



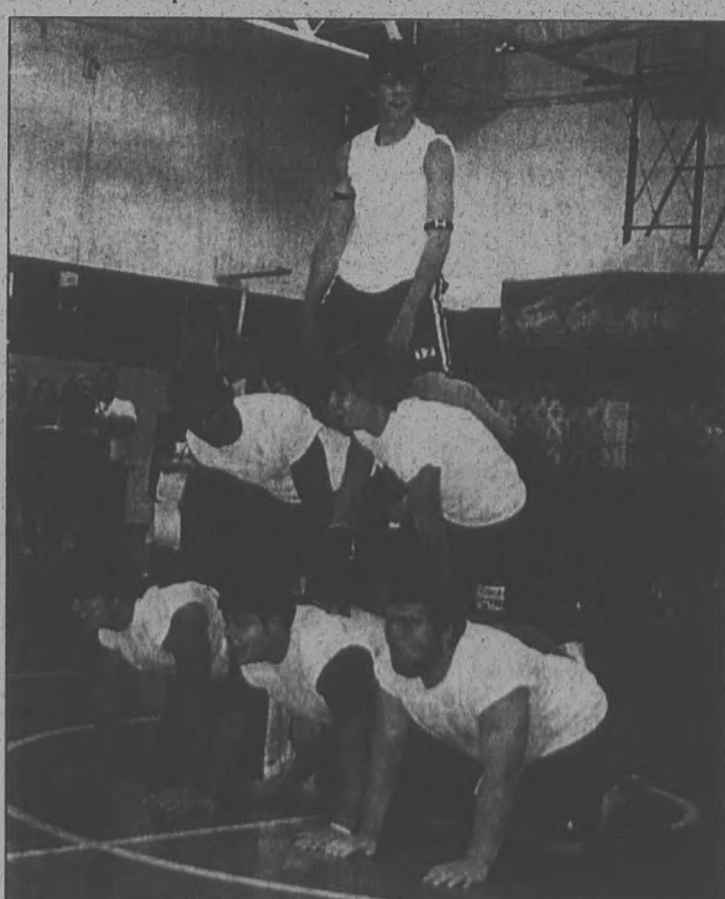
Nashville Star winner Chris Young entertained a huge crowd after New Brockton's final game Friday night.

to Ronnie Gilley, Chris Young and all fans for making it a very memorable and special night.

Scenes from Homecoming Week...



Veteran teacher Mrs. Barbara Cole entertains the crowd as Diana Ross with "Stop in the Name of Love"



Junior Class boys impersonate the cheerleaders during their first place winning skit.



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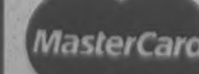
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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My youngest daughter Melanie didn't cry a few weeks back after she played in her last high school volleyball match, and laughed at me last week when I asked her if she cried when the seniors sang their farewell song at the final pep rally of the football season. I didn't ask her about the final football game Friday night, but had a hunch she may have shed at least a small tear or two when she told me how the senior players were crying after the game. Since this is her senior year, and there will be a lot of final activities, she will get many more opportunities to shed a tear as the school year goes on.

ELBA TIGERS CLOSE SEASON WITH WILD ROAD WIN

The Elba Tigers closed out the football season last week in Opp



2006 SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS... The Elba Midget Tigers posted a 6-0 regular season record and then claimed two wins in the annual Super Bowl to emerge as Super Bowl champions in the Little Tri-County Youth Football League. The Midget Tigers' wins came over New Brockton 12-0, Zion Chapel 42-0, Luverne 8-6, Highland Home 38-0, Brantley 44-0, Arton 20-0, Brantley 30-0 and Luverne 20-18. The team was coached by Richard Kyles, Rob Stinson and Wayne Akridge.

(Mike Capps photo)

State High School football playoffs begin this week

Six defending champions—Addicks (1A), Clay County (2A), Pike County (3A), UMS Wright (4A), Homewood (5A) and Hoover (6A)—are in the 192-team field kicking off the 2006 state prep football playoff this week, according to first round pairings announced by the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

Oddly enough, four of them—Addicks, Clay County, UMS Wright and Homewood—have moved up a class for this new two-year classification period.

All games will kickoff at 7 p.m. This marks the 22nd year of the playoffs under the six-class format. A four-class format was used during the first 20 years of the playoff that began in 1966.

The first four finishers from each of the eight regions are paired in a 32-team, rotating bracket by class for the five rounds of competition.

First round games Friday (Nov. 10) and 20 on Thursday (Nov. 9) will feature the region winners and runners-up hosting the fourth- and third-place finishers, respectively, from other regions. Second round games are scheduled Nov. 17, the quarter-finals; Nov. 24, the semi-finals; Dec. 1 and the Super 6 finals Dec. 7-9 in Birmingham.

FIRST ROUND PAIRINGS
(All games are Friday, Nov. 10, at 7:00 p.m. CST unless noted otherwise.)

CLASS 1A
Florala (5-5) at Mapleville (9-0), A.L. Johnson (6-3) at J.U. Blacksher (8-2), Thursday
Verberna (7-3) at Brantley (10-0),

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and gave all the Tiger fans plenty to cheer about as they outscored the Bobcats 55-34, in three overtimes, to close out the season with a 4-6 record. Elba exploded for 26 points in the first quarter and appeared headed for a big win, but didn't score again until late in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime, and then outlasted Opp in the three-hour marathon to bring home the win. Elba freshman Carlos Matias put his name in the record book in the win as he scored seven touchdowns, while senior Jacob Forbes booted the game-winning extra-point for his second game-winning kick in three weeks. Elba and Opp renewed their football rivalry this season, and while there were many classic battles over the years, the newest version has to top the list as the most exciting ever. The 2006 Tigers opened the season with three disappointing losses and got blown out later in the season in lopsided defeats to Pike County and Geneva. However, they never quit and played hard in all the games throughout the season.

AREA TEAMS END SEASON WITH BIG GAMES

The high school football regular season came to an end last week and for teams in the area the season finales were filled with big games. Here's a look back...

*** **New Brockton (2-8)** - The Gamecocks outscored Kinston 39-19 for their second win of the season, and even though they went out a winner, I am sure many of the players, coaches and fans had to be glad the season finally drew to a close. New Brockton was expected to be a region contender this season under a new coach and

a team filled with veterans. However, it never got a break and was left to fight it out each and every time it took the field. Maybe the Gamecock youngsters will remember the '06 season and will get the chance to pay some folks back in the not so distant future.

*** **Zion Chapel (3-7)** - The Rebels opened the season with a big win over county rival New Brockton and were convinced a banner season was ahead, but lost their next six games to fall out of the playoff picture and late in the season were left to play for nothing but team pride. This was supposed to be the year that Zion Chapel battled for a region title and possibly got to host a playoff game. However, it turned into a lesson in futility and showed the youngsters on the team that games are played on the field, and not in the papers or by fans bragging about school pride.

*** **Kinston (1-9)** - The Bulldogs went into the season knowing it could be a long year and found that prediction to be true as they struggled for all ten weeks and managed to win only one game. Kinston did make strides and showed improvement in areas despite its record, and if the younger players will work hard and dedicate themselves to being winners on the field, football can be successful. The Bulldogs may always struggle on the gridiron, but better days are ahead and so are many wins that have yet to come.

*** **Brantley (10-0)** - The Bulldogs closed out an undefeated 10-0 regular season with a convincing 36-0 win over Luverne, and made everyone across the state sit up and take notice with the lopsided win over the previously undefeated 2A Tigers. Brantley thought it had the team to bring home a state title last season, and could have very well done so. However, this year the Bulldogs have seemed to be on a mission throughout the year, and I am sure they are all glad the post-season is finally here. The next few weeks will tell the tale about these '07 seniors and the rest of the Bulldogs.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** Alabama's Coach Mike Shula's football fortunes went from bad to worse last week with the Crimson Tide's embarrassing home loss to lowly Mississippi State. The hand writing had been on the wall all season long with narrow wins over Hawaii, Vanderbilt and Duke, not to mention the sleep walk over Florida-International. However, until last weekend not even the biggest Tide fans wanted to read the wall and admit Coach Shula and his staff and not what it will take to lead Bama back to the top in college football. As long as Mal Moore is in charge and the money folks are happy I guess Shula will be able to hang on, but as far as most of the Tide fans are concerned the time has come and gone for a new leader up at T-Town.

*** Auburn posted another easy win over another lesser opponent and the question has to be asked - Are the Tigers not really all that good, or are they simply getting players healthy for a run at the national championship? My guess is it's probably a little of both, but Auburn does have a very good record and is ranked near the top in all polls. Like 'em or not, they are either very lucky or they have something figured out.

*** The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation hosted the Little Tri-County Youth Football League "Cheerleader Competition" last weekend at the Elba High gym and a big crowd showed up to support the young girls as they showed their skills. The event was held to allow the youngsters to demonstrate the cheerleader talents they used all season long on the sidelines, and all the squads received awards for their hard work. The big winners came from Elba (ages 11-12), Zion Chapel (ages 9-10) and Luverne (ages 6-8). However, all the girls and all the squads were winners.

*** When the high school basketball season tips off in just a matter of weeks a new rivalry will emerge between New Brockton and Samson. The two schools have always been rivals on and off the court in all sports, but this season the varsity basketball teams will be coached by two ex-Gamecock players, and that should add fuel to the fire. Pate Harrison and Robby Kinsaul played together at New Brockton a few years back, but both have now moved on and this season will be their first as a head coach at the varsity level. I have the feeling practices will be extra hard the days leading to their first-ever meeting.

*** In closing... Coach Mike Buckelew and his baseball team spent last weekend working on the high school baseball field at Elba High, and with lots of time left before the beginning of practice, I am convinced the players will have a better appreciation of exactly what it takes to have a class program. Sen. Jimmy Holley and Rep. Terry Spicer presented a check for \$5,000 last week to be used by the baseball and softball teams, and that money will be put to good use in the days and weeks to come. If asked, come out and help as the players and coaches work to make the Tiger's field the best around.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PREDICTS PREP PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend and was still shaking his head over Elba's wild 55-34 triple-overtime win over Opp. The area gridiron expert stated the total points scored may be a record, as was the seven-touchdown performance by Carlos Matias. The resident guesspert did change the subject and address the upcoming prep playoffs, and said he will be very surprised if at least a couple of state crowns don't rest in South Alabama when the post-season party ends. The guesspert hit on 18 of 26 picks last week to move his regular season totals to 270-69, and here are this week's playoff picks...

BRANTLEY VS. VERBERNA

The Bulldogs from up across the river made it look easy for the past eleven weeks and this week will host a bunch of red faced devils as they enter post-season play. While the 'Dogs will be heavy favorites and will be at home, these devils are better than many realize and could throw a scare into the front porch puppies. At least for a while!

BRANTLEY 34 VERBERNA 8

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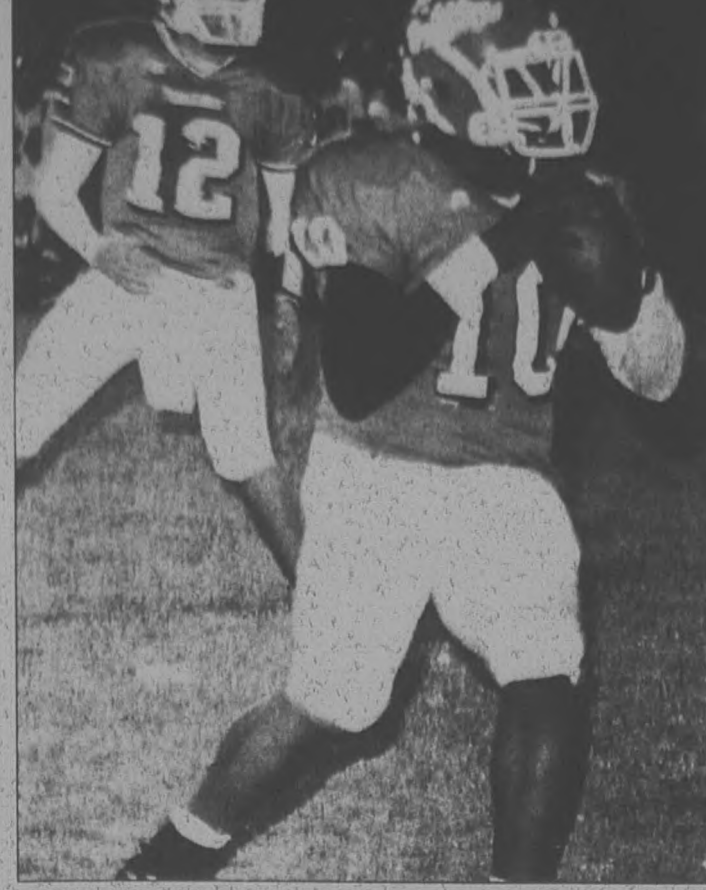
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Remain undefeated

Brantley Bulldogs bury Luverne 36-0

By Greg Brunson
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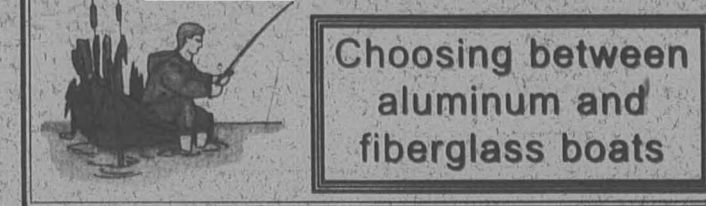


HERE IT COMES... Brantley halfback Jeffery Daniels (10) pulls up after taking a handoff from quarterback Jonathan Helms (12) and prepares to loft a 57-yard touchdown pass to Thad Frazier in last week's 36-0 win over Luverne.

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Choosing between aluminum and fiberglass boats

Ask a group of fishermen whether aluminum or fiberglass boats are best and you can get a heated discussion going. This subject ranks right up there with what brand of outboard motor is best or what kind of truck to drive.

Aluminum boats were the darlings of the lightweight fraternity for many years. Older fiberglass boats were much heavier than the shiny, slippery aluminum boat. New laminate technology advances and improved materials in fiberglass boat manufacturing have greatly reduced their weight. Compare a fully rigged aluminum and fiberglass boat over sixteen feet and one will find they may be very close in overall weight.

Aluminum boats are still relatively lighter in the smaller boats. This is because as the length of an aluminum boat is increased, much more bracing is required, adding weight to the aluminum boat. But aluminum boats under sixteen feet don't require this extra bracing. Aluminum boats up to fourteen feet can be transported in the back of a pickup truck.

Durability is a prime consideration when buying either a fiberglass or aluminum boat. The aluminum will stand up to being dragged over gravel or mud rock encounters better than fiberglass. Aluminum will scratch when dragged over gravel but will otherwise not be hurt. Fiberglass boats can suffer damage to the outer gel coat under the same abuse. A hard impact with a rock or stump can knock a hole in either material.

The question often comes up as to whether aluminum or fiberglass is better for fishing. While aluminum can be noisy, a little carpet can greatly reduce this problem. An aluminum hull that has been properly carpeted and other precautions taken to reduce noise can actually be quieter than an open hull fiberglass boat with no noise damping material.

When comparing aluminum boats to fiberglass boats, with no noise reduction properties added, the aluminum boat will be the noisier of the two. The occupants of the boat probably have more to do with which material is best for fishing than the material itself or dropping rods on the deck will make less noise in an aluminum boat than more careless angles will make in a fiberglass boat.

Boat performance may be a little better in the fiberglass boats than aluminum ones, especially in the deep V models. Fiberglass hulls can be formed into more complex shapes during the molding process. This may be an advantage to anyone who fishes big water or encounters a lot of chop. The hull of a fiberglass boat can be flared more, limiting the amount of spray that makes it to the occupants.

What's the bottom line, aluminum or fiberglass? It's strictly a matter of personal preference, where one fishes, and the conditions in which one fishes. Talk to owners of both, try boats of both materials, and buy the one you like best.

Lifetime hunting and fishing licenses available in Alabama

It's not often in life that you can run into something that you can truly consider a win-win situation, but the purchase of an Alabama Lifetime Hunting and/or Fishing License could definitely be considered one.

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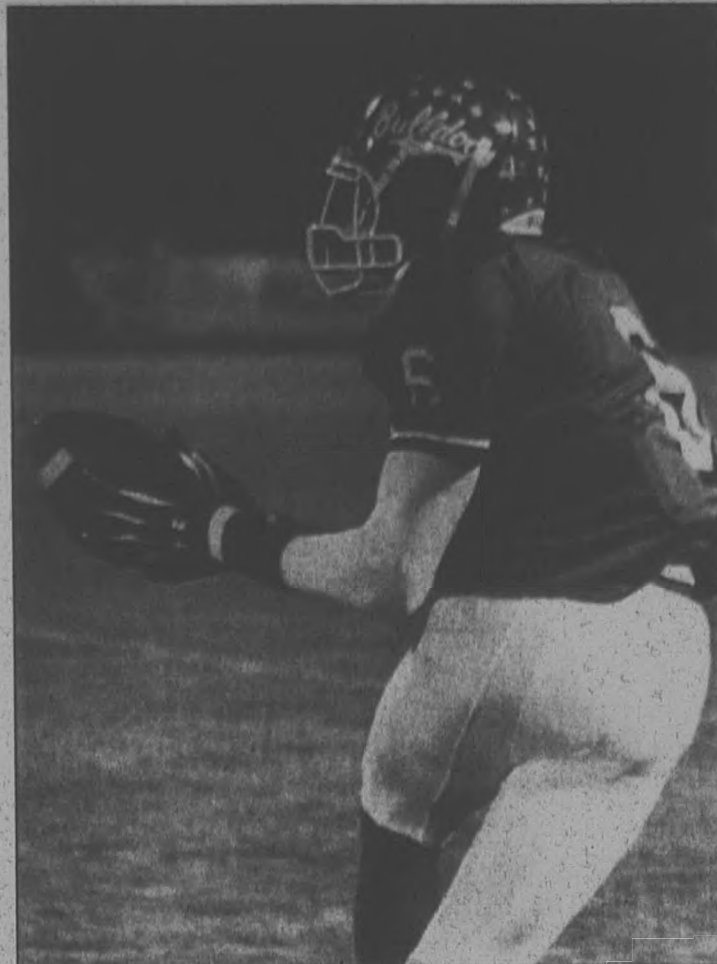
halfback pass and sprinted into the endzone to complete the 57-yard scoring play, and Anthony Gulley ran in the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs moved on top 14-0 with 1:38 remaining in the half.

Luverne received the second half kickoff and drove to the Brantley 31-yardline, but on third down Tiger quarterback Chad Free was sacked for a 4-yard loss, and on fourth down Brantley's Corey Latham broke through to sack Free for a 9-yard loss to hand the ball back to the Brantley offense at the Bulldog 44-yardline.

After a quick first down, Anthony Gulley hit Thad Frazier with a 29-yard pass completion to the Luverne 19. The next three plays netted only two yards, but on fourth down Brantley rolled the dice and hit the jackpot as Anthony Gulley kept on an option around the right end and raced 17 yards untouched for the Brantley touchdown. Roy-L. Knighten ran in the two-point conversion, and with 3:38 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs' lead was up to 22-0.

The Brantley defense turned back the Tigers at the Bulldog 34-yardline early in the fourth quarter, and this time the Bulldog offense ate up almost five minutes off the clock as it drove 66 yards in eight plays to extend its lead. James Pittman scored the touchdown on a 23-sweep around the right end, and Marcus Owens booted the extra-point as Brantley upped its lead to 29-0 with 3:48 left in the fourth quarter.

Brantley's Jon Tyson made a diving interception of a Tiger pass at the Luverne 41-yardline three plays after the ensuing kickoff, and Chris Booker needed only three carries to cover the distance into the endzone and



I'VE GOT IT... Brantley's Thad Frazier (6) pulls in a 57-yard touchdown pass from Jeffery Daniels late in the first half in the Bulldogs' big 36-0 win over the Luverne Tigers. The Bulldogs will host Verbena Thursday night in the opening round of the Class 1A state playoffs.

scored the game's final touchdown on a 14-yard dash. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point to end the night's scoring with 1:31 remaining on the clock, as the Bulldogs' claimed the big 36-0 win.

Chris Booker gained 139 yards on 19 carries to lead the Brantley ground game, while James Pittman added 62 yards on 12 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. The Bulldogs' defense was paced by Corey Latham with 11 tackles and Jeffery Daniels with 10 stops.

STATISTICS

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16	1st Downs
44-260	Rushes-Yds.
86	Passes
346	Total Offense
2-6-1	Passes
7	Return Yds.
0	Fumbles Lost
4-25	Penalties-Yds.
2-37	Punts-Ave.



YOUTH CHEERLEADERS... Over 200 youth cheerleaders from across Southeast Alabama competed over the weekend at the 1st annual Little Tri-County Youth Football League Cheerleader Championships, held at the Elba High School gym. Cheerleader squads from Elba, New Brockton, Zion Chapel, Luverne, Brantley and Arton took part in the day long competition. Championship squads included Elba, in the Pee Wee Division; Zion Chapel, in the Termites Division; and Luverne, in the Mini-Mite Division.

(Mike Capps photo)

Elba's Boutwell hopes to overcome injury and earn spot on Boll Weevil roster

Chase Boutwell got a late start on his quest for playing time on the Enterprise-Ozark Community College baseball team, the Boll Weevils practiced a month while Boutwell was completing recovery from an injury.

Now in the mix with five other Weevils' second base hopefuls, Boutwell, from Elba, is enthusiastic about playing baseball and going to college.

"When I came for a tour during my senior year, I really liked the atmosphere and the people at EOCC," he said. "I plan to get my general studies out of the way and then transfer to the University of Alabama to major in business. Then maybe I'll attend law school. I'm a hard-worker and a persistent person."

"I've said it all fall. We're still looking for someone to step forward and claim second base as their own," said EOCC coach Tim Hulsey. "We made more errors last year than at any other position. We've got several guys working there but to play at this level all of them are going to have to get better."

All the contenders have played their chosen sport for years; Boutwell is no exception. "I've played baseball and football my whole life," he said.

"My senior year I won the 'Best Offensive Lineman' award. 'Defensive MVP' and 'Team Captain' award in football. 'I was team captain in baseball."

"I love sports, not only baseball but any sport that's on. There are a few exceptions but not many. Sports mean a lot to me. Everyone in my family has always played football and baseball, there are no basketball stars, though."

Boutwell, who hit .396 as a senior for the Elba Tigers, is 5'10" and weighs 205. His hobbies are fishing sports, sleeping and going to the beach. He likes "any food; I'm not a picky eater."

He prefers classic rock by the Eagles, Allman Brothers and the Steve Miller Band, and said "Sports Center" is his favorite TV program.

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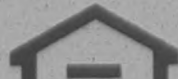
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KINSTON LADY BULLDOGS - 2006 CLASS 1A STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

In Class 1A volleyball

Kinston brings home state championship

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs spent the entire high school volleyball season ranked #1 in Class 1A, and proved the pollsters right last week, as they posted three consecutive straight-set wins at the State Tournament to bring home the Alabama High School Athletic Association state championship.

"This just shows how much our team has matured over the year," stated Kinston's Coach Janie Wiggins, after the match. "It's just maturity and experience. This is the same team that

was here last year, and this year we will get to take home the top prize."

Kinston (39-5) began its state tournament march last Wednesday with a 25-14, 25-11, 25-16 win over Spring Garden, the team that eliminated the Lady Bulldogs from the state tourney a year ago. Kinston senior Kaleigh Sanders had 16 digs in the opening win, while Caitlin Tindell added 8 aces, 8 kills and 5 digs; Jesi Johnson added 11 aces and 9 digs; Kourtney Pierce added 12 digs,

and Christie Whigham had 14 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs advanced to the state finals with a 25-17, 25-21, 25-19 win over Donoho. Kourtney Pierce had 13 digs and 6 kills to lead Kinston, while Heather Marlowe had 10 digs, 2 blocks and 2 kills; Jesi Johnson had 10 digs and 10 kills; Kaleigh Sanders added 6 kills, 10 digs and 2 aces; and Christie Whigham added 15 digs.

Sanders and Tindell were also named to the All-Tournament team.

certain state title #2 was heading back home in the finals as the Lady Bulldogs rolled past Gaston 25-11, 25-23, 25-15. Tournament MVP Heather Marlowe had 24 assists, 8 digs and 3 kills in the championship match, while Caitlin Tindell added 5 blocks, 4 digs and 3 kills; Kaleigh Sanders added 6 kills, 10 digs and 2 aces; and Christie Whigham added 15 digs.

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New Brockton Gamecocks grab second win of season with 39-19 victory over Kinston Bulldogs

*Statistics by Michael Jenkins
Photos by Michael Jenkins and Scott Johnson*

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the Kinston Bulldogs Friday night in a cross-county clash and ended the season on a high note by outscoring the Bulldogs 39-19, at Gamecock Stadium.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and wasted little time grabbing the early lead as the Gamecocks' Jr. Magwood scored on a 14-yard dash. The extra-point was successful, and with 8:26 remaining in the first quarter the Gamecocks owned a 7-0 advantage.

New Brockton began its next offensive series at its own 43-yardline and stunned the Bulldogs when Tevin McNair dropped back and fired a strike to Magwood that went for a 53-yard Gamecock touchdown.

Nathan Foster booted the extra-point and with 5:23 left in the first quarter New Brockton was already on top 14-0.

New Brockton regained possession on a Bulldog bobble and promptly marched in for a score

to extend its lead. The touchdown came on a 6-yard run by Sheridan Foster, and Nathan Foster added the extra-point as the Gamecocks moved ahead 21-0 with 2:35 still left in the opening quarter.

Kinston's Jonathan Edwards got the Bulldogs on the scoreboard when he returned the ensuing kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown, and Brad Elmore tackled on the extra-point as Kinston cut the Gamecock lead to 21-7 with 2:12 remaining in the high-scoring first quarter.

New Brockton's Tevin McNair intercepted a Kinston pass early in the second quarter at the Bulldog 36-yardline, and the Gamecocks cashed in on the turnover when Jr. Magwood broke loose on a 36-yard touchdown scamper. The extra-point try failed, but with 9:17 remaining in the second quarter New Brockton's lead was up to 27-7.

Kinston began its ensuing possession at its own 36-yardline and the Bulldogs flexed their muscles as they drove down the field to get back in the endzone. The score came on a 1-yard run by Erick Odom, and although the extra-point try

failed, the Bulldogs had cut the Gamecock advantage to 27-13 with 2:33 still left in the half.

The New Brockton defense got in on the scoring parade in the closing seconds of the half and turned the momentum back to the Gamecock sidelines when Jr. Magwood scooped up a Bulldog fumble and raced 34 yards for a touchdown. A two-point try failed, but when the teams went in at intermission New Brockton was in command with a big 33-13 advantage.

Kinston got a break early in the fourth quarter when New Brockton fumbled the ball away at the Gamecock 33-yardline, and the Bulldogs turned the turnover into points as Aaron Jacobs scored on a 4-yard dash. A two-point try failed, and with 7:35 remaining in the game New Brockton's lead stood at 33-19.

The Gamecocks turned back a Kinston scoring threat late in the game when Nathan Foster intercepted a Bulldog pass at the

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NOWHERE TO GO... A Kinston Bulldog runner fumbles his path blocked by a host of Gamecock defenders in last week's 39-19 New Brockton win over Kinston. The Bulldogs ended the season with a 1-9 record, while the Gamecocks finished at 2-8.

Brantley Bulldogs to host Verbena Thursday night in Class 1A football playoffs

The Brantley Bulldogs will open play in the Class 1A state high school football playoffs tonight (Thursday) when they host the Verbena Red Devils.

The Bulldogs will bring a perfect 10-0 record and a #1 ranking into the clash, while the Red Devils will enter the contest with a 7-3 state.

Brantley, the state 1A runner-up a year ago, reached the playoffs by rolling past any and all challengers. The Bulldogs wins came over 3A Elba 49-0, Pleasant Home 55-0, Zion Chapel 42-0, Arton 41-0, 2A Highland Home 49-16, McKenzie 42-8, Providence Christian 55-0, Florida 45-16, Kinston 49-3 and 2A Luverne 36-0. Verbena, the #4 seed in its region, posted wins over 2A Thorby 18-12, St. Jude 14-8, Isabella 27-6, Autangville 32-0, 2A Vincent 56-2, Nottulga 55-0 and 3A Marbury 28-20, while losing to region foes Wadley 26-20, Billingsley 28-6 and Maplesville 42-6. Kickoff for the game will be 7:00 PM, at Bulldog Stadium.



REBEL PITCH-OUT... Zion Chapel Rebel quarterback Luke Peters (10) makes a late pitch in action last week in the Rebels' 32-0 loss to Goshen.

Zion Chapel Rebels blanked by Goshen Eagles 32-0

Statistics and Photos by Chris and Matt Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels marched into Goshen Friday night looking to close out the season with three straight wins, but ran head first into a fired-up Brockton defense, and limped back home after suffering a 32-0 loss.

Goshen scored on its first possession to grab a 6-0 lead, then recovered a free snap on a punt attempt in the endzone with 2:50 remaining in the first quarter to up its advantage to 14-0.

Zion Chapel rode the legs of Todd Grant to march to the Goshen 19-yardline early in the second quarter, but a fourth down pass missed its target as

the Rebels failed to take advantage of the scoring opportunity. The Rebels got the ball right back on a pass interception by Grant. However, Zion Chapel was unable to cash in on the turnover and watched as Goshen scored late to carry a 20-0 lead in at the half.

Goshen scored on its first offensive series of the third quarter to increase its advantage to 26-0, then added a score with 3:22 remaining in the quarter to take a commanding 32-0 lead over the shell-shocked Rebels from Coffee County.

Zion Chapel began its ensuing possession at its own 31-yardline after a 21-yard kickoff return by Todd Grant, and behind the determined running of Luke Peters and Jacob Legg, marched to a first down at the Eagle 6-yardline. Peters gained 32 yards on eight carries and had a 17-yard pass completion to Todd Grant to spark the long Rebel march, while Legg added 11 yards on three carries. A penalty slowed the march after it reached the 5-yardline, and the scoring chance died two plays later with a fourth down fumble.

The Rebels got the ball back once more late in the game, but saw the clock run out as they suffered the 32-0 setback.

Luke Peters gained 55 yards on 22 carries and completed 1 of 5 passes for 17 yards to lead the Zion Chapel offense, while Hunter Wise added 39 yards on 7 carries and Todd Grant gained 34 yards on 2 carries.

Elba began the possession at its own 47 with 4:46 left on the clock, and did nothing but hand the ball off to Carlos Matias and use the blocking of its offensive line as the Tigers covered the 53 yards in seven plays to reach paydirt. Matias had runs of 14 and 21 yards during the scoring drive, and scored the touchdown on a 9-yard run. Trey Martin passed to Dylan McCollough, and Jacob Forbes added the extra-point as Elba regained the lead 19-13 with 2:26 remaining in the opening quarter.

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SPORTS

In three overtimes

Tigers outscore Bobcats 55-54

*By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps*

The Elba Tigers and Opp Bobcats renewed their football feud Friday night, and the two longtime rivals enjoyed their get-together so much they remained on the field for four quarters, three overtime periods and over three and one-half hours.

In the end it was the Tigers that managed to outscore the Bobcats 55-54 in a football marathon that left the players and fans exhausted.

Opp received the game's opening kickoff and needed only two plays to get on the scoreboard as the Bobcats' Danshay Edwards broke loose and raced 74 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was wide, but with 11:29 still remaining in the first quarter Opp owned an early 6-0 lead.

Elba began its first offensive possession at its own 35-yardline and the Tigers matched the early Opp score by driving 65 yards in six plays to light up their side of the scoreboard. A 39-yard run by Carlos Matias and a 22-yard pass from Trey Martin to Frank Morris were key plays in the drive, while Matias scored the touchdown on a 3-yard burst up the middle. A two-point try failed, and with 9:16 left in the quarter the two rivals were tied at 6-6.

The score didn't remain tied for long, however, as on the ensuing kickoff Opp's Albert Wilson fielded the kick at the Bobcat 10-yardline and took off on a 90-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The extra-point attempt was true, and with 9:04 remaining in the quarter the Bobcats were back on top 13-6.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 34-yardline after the ensuing kickoff and once again needed six plays to reach the endzone. A 25-yard dash by Carlos Matias and a 37-yard pass from Trey Martin to Donta Reynolds helped lead the Tigers down the field, while it was Matias that scored the touchdown on a 3-yard run. A high snap foiled the extra-point attempt, and with 6:00 left in the first quarter Opp's lead stood at 13-12.

A 25-yard loss on a quarterback sack on fourth down by Elba's Bobby Hudson and Matt Brunson handed the ball back to Elba at the Opp 39-yardline late in the quarter, and one play later the Tigers were back in the lead!

The Tiger touchdown came on a 39-yard pass from Trey Martin to Dylan McCollough, and Jacob Forbes added the extra-point as Elba regained the lead 19-13 with 2:26 remaining in the opening quarter.

Elba's Frank Morris picked off a Bobcat pass on Opp's next possession and returned the interception 32 yards to set the Tigers up at the Opp 23-yardline. Carlos Matias needed two runs to cover the distance to the endzone and scored on a 19-yard dash, while Forbes booted the extra-point to put the Tigers on top 26-13 with 4:31 left in a wild first quarter.

Opp missed out on a chance to cut into the Elba lead on its next possession with a fumble at the Elba 4-yardline, but the Bobcats got the ball back at the Elba 42 after a Tiger punt and this time cashed in on the scoring opportunity. The touchdown came on a 15-yard pass from Cody Hall to Reggie Jones, and the extra-point was true as Opp cut the Elba lead to 26-20 with 6:33 remaining in the half.

Elba pieced together a drive late in the half and behind the running of Carlos Matias and the passing of Trey Martin reached a first down at the Opp 30-yardline. However, the Tigers failed to finish off the scoring opportunity and at halftime went in with a 26-20 advantage.

Elba turned the ball over on its initial two possessions of the third quarter, and Opp took advantage of both turnovers to regain the lead.

The first turnover was a fumble that stopped a long Elba drive on its first possession of the half at the Opp 17-yardline. The Bobcats cashed in the



ELBA CELEBRATION... Elba players, cheerleaders and coaches celebrate on the field Friday night after the Tigers' 55-54 win over Opp. Pictured above are Elba assistant coaches Wynn Grimes and Tim Brown shaking hands, while assistant coach Rudy Free follows players across the field.

turnover as they marched 83 yards in six plays to reach the endzone. A 29-yard pass from Cody Hall to Devin Hines and a 30-yard run by Rodney Colston were key plays in the long scoring drive, while Hall got the touchdown on a quarterback sneak from one yard out. The extra-point was true, and with 4:55 left in the third quarter the Bobcats were back on top 27-26.

Opp's Clint Short picked off a Tiger pass and returned the interception to the Elba 20-yardline on Elba's next possession, and this time the Bobcats needed only three plays to cross the goal line, with Donald Jones scoring the touchdown on a 9-yard run. The extra-point was again successful, and with 3:20 left in the third quarter Opp's lead was up to 34-26.

Opp got the ball back at the Bobcat 27 early in the fourth quarter after an Elba punt and began a 15-play drive that headed down the field and ate up over five minutes off the clock. A roughing the kicker penalty kept the Bobcat drive alive early, and Opp appeared ready to run out the clock as it reached a first down at the Elba 35 with 6:10 remaining on the clock.

The possession ended at the Elba 21-yardline when an Elba defender stripped the ball away from a Bobcat runner, and the Tigers' Dimitrio Tyson scooped up the loose ball and returned the fumble 26 yards to give Elba a final chance to score and possibly send the game into overtime.

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Opp did reach the midfield stripe on its ensuing possession after a 25-yard run by Rodney Colston, but Elba's Frank Morris came up with his second pass interception of the game to stop the threat, and the game was still tied at 34-34 when the clock reached 00.

Opp put the ball in play to begin the first overtime and scored on its second play on a 12-yard pass from Cody Hall to Reggie Jones, and the Bobcats added the extra-point to take a 41-34 lead.

Elba also needed two plays to

reach the endzone on its offensive possession, with Carlos Matias getting the call on both plays and scoring the touchdown on a 1-yard dive. Jacob Forbes kicked the extra-point and the game went into a second overtime with the score tied at 41-41.

Elba got the ball first in the second overtime and this time needed three plays to get into the endzone. A 4-yard loss on first down set the Tigers back, but Trey Martin completed a 13-yard pass to Frank Morris on second down, and on third down Carlos Matias scored from one yard out. Forbes added the extra-point and the Tigers were on top 48-41.

Opp's Rodney Colston scored on a 3-yard run on the Bobcats' second play on their ensuing possession, and the extra-point was again true as Opp caught the Tigers at 48-48 to send the game into a third overtime period.



TIGER SACK PARTY... Elba Tiger defenders Carlos Matias (12), Matt Brunson (45) and Bobby Hudson (28) combine to sack the Opp quarterback for a big loss in last week's season-ending 55-54 win over the Bobcats. The win left the Tigers with a final record of 4-6 on the season, while Opp slipped to 1-9 with the loss.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Closing pitcher has family ties to Elba

Nippon Ham Fighters win baseball's Japan Series

by Linda Hodge, Editor

While many baseball fans watched Major League Baseball's World Series at the end of October to see which team would become the newest champions, some local fans had their attention on another series...the Japan Series.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, the Nippon Ham Fighters clinched the Japan Series (winning four games to one) over the Chunichi Dragons. It was the team's first Japan Series since 1962 when the team was known as the Toei Flyers.

Pitcher Michael Nakamura, Nakamura pitched in all four of

utilized as the Fighters' closer, is the main reason several local citizens were extremely interested in this year's Japan Series.

Nakamura is the husband of Misty (Boland) Nakamura, the daughter of Earl and Bertie Boland of Elba.

Michael Nakamura

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McGrath Love. Counts received 8,653 votes (67.16 percent) while Love received 4,222 votes (32.77 percent).

For Coffee County Board of Education, District Three, Galen McWaters (Republican) defeated incumbent Stephen Scott Hunko (Democrat). McWaters received 1,073 votes (56.15 percent) while Hunko received 837 votes (43.80 percent).

For Coffee County Board of Education, District Five, incumbent Robin McKinnon won his bid for reelection defeating Michael Wesolek (Republican). McKinnon received 810 votes (62.69 percent) and Wesolek received 480 votes (37.15 percent).

Marvin McLwain was unopposed in Tuesday's election and was elected to serve another term as Coffee County Coroner, Elba Division. The race for Coffee County Coroner, Enterprise Division, had incumbent Robert Preachers (Democrat) defeating Corey Mason. Preachers received 4,400 votes (53.35 percent) and Mason received 3,826 votes (46.39 percent).

The race for State Senator, District No. 31 (which includes Coffee County, Covington County and a portion of Dale and Houston counties) found incumbent Jimmy Holley (Democrat) facing Dwight Adams (Republican). With all boxes counted in Coffee and Covington counties (except the provisionals) Holley seemingly was headed for reelection. In Coffee County, Holley received 6,789 votes (51.68 percent) while Adams received 6,339 votes (48.26 percent). In Covington County, Holley received 7,268 votes (65 percent) while Adams received 3,802 votes (34 percent). No figures were available from Dale or Houston counties as of press time, but Holley seemed to have a significant lead in the overall race.

Several statewide races also were decided Tuesday. The overall figures were not available as of press time; however, the unofficial results from Coffee County were as follows in all races:

For Governor
Lucy Baxley (D)4,510
Bob Riley (R)8,619

For Lt. Governor
Jim Folsom Jr. (D)5,757
Luther Strange (R)7,316

For U.S. Rep., 2nd Congressional District
Charles (Chuck) Dean James (D)2,923
Terry Everett (R)10,180

For Attorney General
John Tyson Jr. (D)3,609
Roy King (R)9,350

For State Senate, Dist. No. 31
Jimmy W. Holley (D)6,789
Dwight Adams (R)6,339

For State Rep., District No. 91
Terry Spicer (D)6,764
Ricky E. Snellgrove (R)6,400

For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
Sue Bell Cobb (D)5,989
Drayton Nabers Jr. (R)6,905

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 1
Champ Lyons Jr. (R)8,938

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 2
Gwendolyn Thomas Kennedy (D)4,304
Tom Woodall (R)7,675

For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 3
Albert L. Johnson (D)3,860

FESTIVAL

will perform beginning at 1 p.m. This choir will perform songs learned from the "Arctic Edge" Vacation Bible School.

Whitworth said an invitation was sent to churches throughout the county, and more than 25 already have responded for this event.

The Dixieland Cloggers will follow the children's choir at 1:30 p.m. while another new event will begin at 2 p.m. Whitworth said a Community Adult Choir also will perform together during this year's Christmas Festival. She said anyone interested in participating in this adult choir should contact the chamber for more information.

This year's entertainment will conclude with the She Bang dance group from Troy.

As always, Whitworth said the Christmas Festival will feature many arts and crafts and food vendors, and there will be plenty of activities for children to

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include a rock wall, train rides, pony rides and face painting.

The annual Christmas Parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. and will make its way through the downtown streets of Elba. Again this year, the first float will be collecting nonperishable food items to be donated to needy families in the local area. Everyone is encouraged to bring items for this float.

Whitworth said the Chamber is hoping to produce another exciting Christmas parade and she encourages anyone interested in entering to contact the Chamber office or Melissa Flowers.

"The Christmas Festival and Parade have always been a great event to bring in the holidays here in Elba, and we hope this year will be no different," said Whitworth.

For more information, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at (334) 897-3125.

Lyn Stuart (R)8,246
For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place No. 4
John H. England Jr. (D)3,614
Glenn Murdock (R)8,851

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 1
Ray Vaughan (D)3,912
Terry Moore (R)8,076

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 2
Kimberly Harbison Drake (D)4,234
Craig Pittman (R)7,887

For Court of Civil Appeals Judge, Place No. 3
Jim McFerrin (D)4,183
Terri Williamson Thomas (R)7,555

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 1
Aubrey Ford Jr. (D)4,134
Greg Shaw (R)7,616

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2
Claude E. Patton (D)3,804
Kelli Wise (R)8,098

For Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 3
Deborah Bell Paeur (D)4,133
Sam Welch (R)7,563

For Secretary of State
Nancy L. Wodey (D)4,510
Beth Chapman (R)7,966

For State Treasurer
Steve Segrest (D)3,739
Kay Ivey (R)8,715

For State Auditor
Jaime Baker Clarke (D)4,430
S. Samantha Shaw (R)7,520

For Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
Ron Sparks (D)6,857
Albert Lipscomb (R)5,562

For Public Service Commission, Place No. 1
Jan Cook (D)6,215
John Rice (R)6,291

For Public Service Commission, Place No. 2
Susan Parker (D)5,457
Perry O. Hooper Jr. (R)6,891

For Member, State Board of Education, District No. 2
Charlotte Kirkland Williams (D)5,255
Betty Peters (R)6,990

For Circuit Court Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit, Place No. 1
Thomas E. Head III (R)9,575

For Circuit Clerk, Coffee County
Eva McGrath Love (D)4,222
Mickey Counts (R)8,653

For Coffee County Judge of Probate
William O. Gammill (R)10,189
Dave Sutton (R)6,445

For Coffee County Coroner, Elba Division
Marvin McLwain (D)2,785

For Coffee County Coroner, Enterprise Division
Robert L. Preachers (D)4,400
Corey Mason (R)3,826

For Member, Coffee City Board of Edu., District No. 2
Annette W. Griswold (R)1,309

For Member, Coffee City Board of Edu., District No. 3
Stephen Scott Hunko (D)837
Galen L. McWaters (R)1,073

For Member, Coffee City Board of Edu., District No. 5
Rubin McKinnon (D)810
Michael Wesolek (R)480

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No3,997

Proposed Statewide Amendment Number Two
Yes6,589
No4,304

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Tie vote keeps Coffee County Commission from placing county administrator on leave

by Linda Hodge, Editor

When Coffee County Commissioners gathered Monday, Nov. 13, for the regular bimonthly meeting, a tie vote saved county administrator Wilson Mobley from being placed on leave.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley began the discussion that led to a motion calling for the administrator to be placed on leave. Grimsley said he often is asked about the most important job of commissioners in which he feels the management of tax payers' dollars, however, on Monday, he said some of the county's past audits have revealed the county is not always the best managers of funds.

Grimsley asked fellow commissioner Linda Westbrook, an accountant, to read several audits (dated from 1995-96 and up) and explain the findings.

At the conclusion of Westbrook's presentation, Grimsley said the most recent

audit again informed the county that internal management was not being done properly.

"I find that unacceptable," Grimsley said.

Grimsley then made a motion with a second from Commissioner Doug Dalrymple to place the administrator (Mobley) on leave until something could be decided in regards to what to do.

Commissioner Robert Stephens agreed there has been a problem, and he said it is important for commissioners to keep an eye on the happenings of the county offices.

"As commissioner of District Three, I accept my responsibility for not keeping a better eye on things, and I apologize to my district for this happening."

Commission chairman Jim Thompson called for the vote, and a tie resulted in no action being taken. Those voting in favor of the motion were commissioners Grimsley, Dalrymple and Westbrook. Voting against it

were commissioners Stephens, Thompson and J.L. Weeks. Commissioner Bernest Brooks was not present for the meeting.

Following the vote, Commissioner Westbrook said although Mobley was not placed on leave there is a problem, and she feels this is something the commission needs to work on together.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners were addressed by Phillip Sharp of Trinity Resources regarding possible oil drilling in the county.

Sharp said his company has located a well on Ray Sanders' land near the Frisco voting house that was drilled in the 50s.

He said the company believes this can be a resource for drilling oil once again, but needs to lease approximately two tenths of land owned by the county in order to continue with this project.

"We believe there is a significant amount of oil in Coffee County," Sharp said. "If this proves successful, it will bring new revenue to Coffee County."

Sharp said time is of essence to his company, and he hopes to hear very quickly from the county in regards to leasing the small portion of land owned by the county.

Sharp said his company already operates in several surrounding counties.

In other business, commissioners:

- Voted to approve the paving of 40 ft. of road (state right-of-way) on the temporary road being constructed into the county's industrial park. County engineer Randy Tindell said the state is requiring this portion of road be paved.
- Voted to approve a landfill credit application for Shaw Infrastructure of Fort Rucker.
- Voted to waive the farm census.

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NOTICE
The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. Therefore, special deadlines will be in effect for the Nov. 23rd edition.

All Church and Social News will be due Friday, Nov. 17, by noon. All other news and advertising will be due Monday, Nov. 20, by noon.

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The Coffee County Commission signed a resolution and presented it Monday, Nov. 13, during their regular bimonthly meeting to Kathy Sauer, former director of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce. Sauer recently accepted a position on a committee formed by Gov. Bob Riley working on "how to improve Alabama for families." The commission presented the resolution to Sauer recognizing her commitment to Enterprise and Coffee County during her years of service. Sauer (holding documents) accepted the resolution from commissioners (from left) Doug Dalrymple, Jim Thompson, Tom Grimsley, Linda Westbrook, J.L. Weeks and Robert Stephens. Commissioner Bernest Brooks did not attend the meeting.

Coffee County foster parents named "Alabama Foster Parents of the Year"

The Alabama Foster and Adoptive Parent Association presented Ricky and Teresa Kidd of Jack, Ala., the Alabama Foster Parents of the Year award in Montgomery, Ala., at the AFAPA annual training conference held June 8, 2006.

Mr. and Mrs. Kidd said winning the award was a surprise, and it was one of the greatest honors they could receive as foster parents. They said they wanted to thank everyone involved in nominating them for such a prestigious award.

The couple recently got the opportunity to meet Governor Bob Riley and have photos taken with him as he signed the Foster Care Month proclamation. They then traveled to Nashville, Tenn., in July to attend the Southeast Coalition of Foster Parents convention.

Both Ricky and Teresa say

they feel God has lead them to open their heart and home to the children and have committed themselves to love and raise them as their own. The couple has two biological children and two adopted children of their own and say they have plenty of love left to share with any other children God sends their way.

REMINDER
Coffee County Solid Waste containers will be in possession of 9:00 AM. Containers are added to place these cans by the road for pickup. MDI is diligently working to pickup and remove all cans from Coffee County.

Solid waste containers should not have and be using the "recycle" symbol for solid waste collection.

For questions, call the Coffee County Solid Waste Department at 894-5555.

Area Happenings

THE BRANTLEY BULLDOGS near week two of the playoffs Friday, Nov. 17, playing host to South Lamar. Kickoff for the game is set for 7 p.m. in Brantley.

THE COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR THE ELBA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL will perform Sunday, Nov. 19, at Westside Baptist Church beginning at 2 p.m. All churches and individuals interested in participating in this special event are encouraged to attend the practice. The "community choir" is scheduled to perform during the Christmas Festival Sunday, Nov. 25, at 2 p.m.

COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT will hold the clinics at the health department Friday, Nov. 17, and Monday, Dec. 4. There also will be a clinic Wednesday, Dec. 13, if the vaccine supply is not depleted. All clinics will be open to the general public and will take place from 9-11 a.m. and from 1-3:30 p.m. Medicare and Medicaid card and a picture ID must be supplied. If the card is not supplied, a fee will be charged. For more information please call (334) 347-8574.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICE will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be standby crews for fire emergency with street, sewer, electric and water. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-5555. The garbage pickup schedule will be adjusted.

JOYCE SKINNER joined the Elba Police Department more than three decades ago and continues today to serve the community as a police communications officer.

Skinner has been with the department more than 35 years and is certified in emergency medical dispatch, NCIC/ACJIS and CPR.

When asked about her most memorable experience through the years, Skinner said, "An elderly lady traveling from Panama City Beach left her purse there. She needed money for gas. I gave her my last \$20. She mailed me my money, plus back."

Skinner enjoys spending time with her family which includes her husband, son and grandson.



THE OCCUPANTS OF THE DANIELS' RESIDENCE AT 158 COUNTY ROAD 347 received a rude awakening Monday morning, Oct. 30, when smoke and fire forced them from the home at approximately 4:30 a.m. The Zion Chapel Fire Department was dispatched to the scene, but the fire was too far gone for the house to be saved. All family members exited the home without injury from the fire.

New deadline in place for Colorado company Latest Dorsey Trailer bankruptcy court hearing ends in delay

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Tuesday, Nov. 14, bankruptcy court hearing on the disposition of the Dorsey Trailer assets did not result in the immediate answer Elba citizens were hoping to hear.

The judge heard a request from the original high bidder, Cattle Company of Colorado, for an extension until Thursday, Nov. 23, which is Thanksgiving Day. Their attorney asked for the additional time to get their already committed funds out of Mexico, into the United States and all in one pile.

Attorney Terry Butts, representing Pitts Trailers and owner Jeff Pitts, an Alabama trailer manufacturing firm, protested another delay. However, the judge ruled that all the money must be in the office of the bankruptcy trustee by the 5 p.m. close of business on Wednesday, Nov. 22, or the existing agreement will be terminated and Pitts Trailers will be considered the winning bidder.

The order also said the \$200,000 already paid by the Colorado firm will be forfeited if the balance is not forthcoming by the 22nd.

If Pitts Trailers is the successful bidder, his attorney Terry Butts said, following the Tuesday hearing, they would be ready to close the deal within the normal 30 to 60 days required to complete required land surveys and draw up deeds and other necessary financial closing papers.

Grimes announced to the council that School Board member Katrina Calhoun has resigned to take a teaching position in the school system. He asked that council members be thinking about a replacement before the next meeting. The unexpected term goes until June 2007.

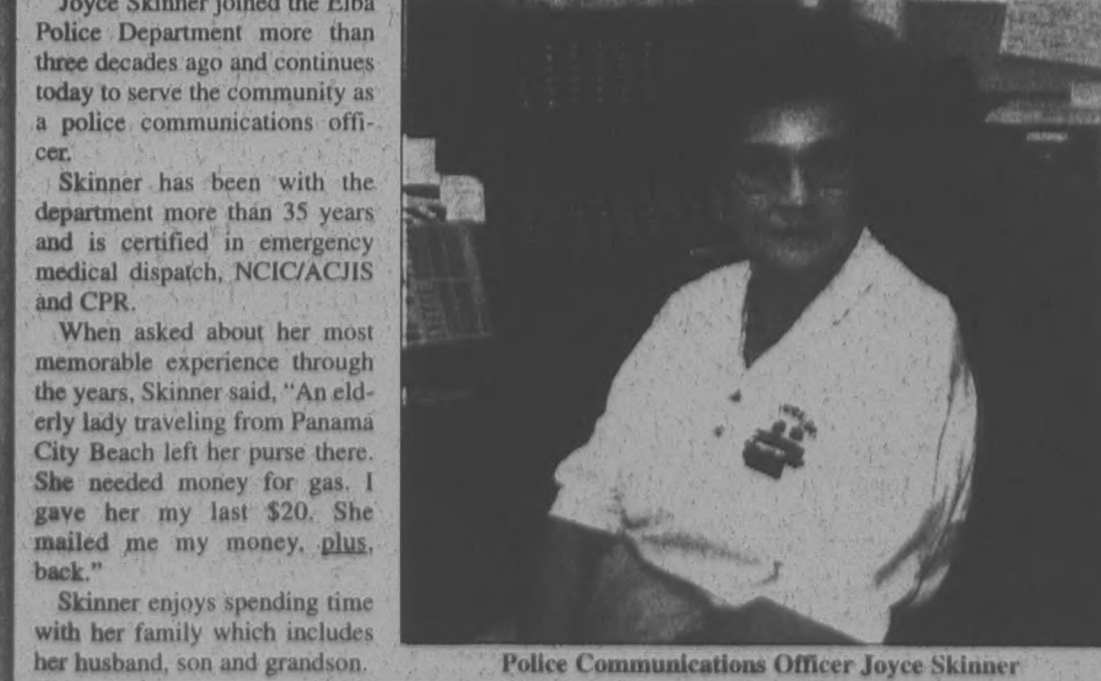
A resolution necessary to get additional funding on the ongoing Carl Folsom Airport upgrades was approved by the council. Elba will receive \$46,580 in this round of work. The total project will purchase additional tracks of land in the flight path, land appraisals, relocation of resident, environmental studies and then completely replacing the paving on runways and taxi ways.

Gregory Sewell Jr. was reappointed to another six year term on the Planning & Zoning Board.

Charles Hayes was reappointed to the Airport Authority and Bob Robinson was appointed to replace Mike McGuire. Both are for six year terms.

Percy Dyess was named to

Elba Mayor James Grimes is shown signing the Farm City Week proclamation for the week of Nov. 17-23. The joint proclamation was signed by mayor of local municipalities and the county commission. Looking on are New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole and Steven Bozeman, representing the Farm-City committee.



Police Communications Officer Joyce Skinner